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FOLG MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL BUKAVU FOR ONWARD

TRANSMISSION TO ADDRESSEES. QUOTE

MONSIEUR, OR PERHAPS MORE ACCURATELY, CITOYEN SOUMALLOT, GASTON WAS IN BUKAVU WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 10 AND 11 MARCH APPARENTLY AS GUEST OF COMMISSAIRE DE REGION. HE RECEIVED VERITABLE COOK'S TOUR OF BUKAVU IN COMPANY OF COMMISSAIRE DE REGION ASSISTANT KAWELE, COMMANDANT 7TH MILITARY REGION COL MANDUNGU, ZAIRIAN CONSUL GENERAL AT KIGOMA, CIT. ILANGWIOKA AND SEVERAL CND OFFICIALS. OFFICIALS AT PHARMAKINA, BRALIMA, AND THE ISP TO WHOM REPORTING OFFICER SPOKE DESCRIBED SOUMALLOT AS SUBDUED BUT CONFIDENT AND PURPOSEFUL.

BUKAVU ABALZE WITH SPECULATION RE VISIT. STORIES RANGE FROM APPOINTMENT OF SOUMIALLOT AS AMBASSADOR TO DAR ES SALAAM TO BEING NOTHING MORE THAN PRISONER ON DISPLAY. POST FEELS AFTER TALKING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PEOPLE WHO SPOKE WITH SOUMIALLOT THAT THIS LAST PROBABLY CLOSER TO

MARK. THERE WAS SENSE OF OUTRAGE OVER PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT
ACCORDED SOUMIALOT IN VIEW OF HIS 1964 ACTIVITIES IN THIS REGION,
NOT TO MENTION MORE RECENT ONES.

PROMINENT EUROPEAN, LONGTIME RESIDENT, CITED THIS AS JUST ONE MORE
EXAMPLE OF AFRICAN'S AND MOBUTU'S MOST OF ALL, ABILITY TO MAKE
INSTANT RAPPROCHEMENTS WHENEVER DEEMED NECESSARY. ADAMS
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